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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Bruck on the Leitha River, near Goetzendorf, in  
Traiskirchen and Moedling

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 10 April 1954, two T-34/85 tanks and three van-like trucks were observed in the garages southeast of the Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) railroad station. A shed previously occupied by tanks was empty. Numerous imprints of motor-vehicle tracks were seen between the empty shed and the loading ramp of the railroad station. Truck [ ] was observed leaving the garages. Jeep [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, occupied by a lieutenant colonel, left the barracks area east of the garages. Only light traffic was observed between the forest camp and the city. Weapon carrier [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen leaving the camp. Neither activities nor fresh imprints of tracks were observed at the tank target range. Truck [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, parked in front of the komendatura. 1
2. Jacked-up vehicles observed in the area of the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) on 9 April 1954 included 32 trucks and one weapon carrier. One T-34 tank mounting a 76-mm tank gun and about 10 other trucks were parked separately. Eleven trucks were parked in the section of the billets occupied by the driving school. Motor vehicles observed leaving the installation included driving-school truck [ ] truck [ ] and van-like truck [ ]; all drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. 2
3. Officers observed at the former Bundesgewerbeschule (Federal Trade School) in Moedling (O 49/X 37) on 5 April 1954 included 23 field officers with black-bordered red epaulets, 2 of them colonels; 15 field officers with red-bordered black epaulets, including one colonel; 8 field officers with black-bordered black epaulets; and 4 field officers with blue-bordered blue epaulets.

six armored scout cars and 8 van-like trucks were housed in the shed of the

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former automobile and aircraft-engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse. Six trucks and 2 tank trucks were parked in the courtyard. Motor vehicles identified at the installation included driving-school truck [redacted] jeep [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] drivers with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the Hyrtl'sche Waisenanstalt (Hyrtl orphans' home), where enlisted men with black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets were observed. 3

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4. On 5 April 1954, the two motor-vehicle garages at the southern edge of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (Federal correctional) in Traiskirchen (O 49/K 37) were apparently occupied to capacity. The view of the installation was obstructed. Trucks [redacted] were observed. Two armored scout cars, [redacted] were parked under a shed roof in the billeting area. Truck [redacted] carrying 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia entered the installation. Truck [redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, and van-like truck [redacted] were parked in front of the gate on the street which was closed to civilian traffic. 4

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1. Comment. A previous report by the same source stated that component units of the 15th (Gds?) Tank Regt, which is based in Bruck, were absent from the post after mid-March probably for maneuvers. [redacted] Further component units apparently departed during the first ten days of April. Since motor vehicles of the 13th Gds Mech Div were identified in Coepfritz in early April, it is believed that the troops were rotated to the Coepfritz training grounds.

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2. Comment. There was apparently no change the occupation of the installation.

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3. Comment. [redacted] the motor vehicles observed at the former Bundesgewerbeschule belonged to the Central Group of Forces except for two vehicles and the vehicles in the area of the factory on Gabrieler Strasse and at the Waisenanstalt which belonged to the 13th Gds Mech Div.

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4. Comment. A previous report [redacted] tended to indicate that component units of the 15th Gds Mech Regt held exercises outside the post area. [redacted] These units apparently returned to the post prior to 5 April 1954.

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